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TAGS: ETRD, CE

SUBJECT: GSP: SECOND PETITION REVIEW--GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA NOTE  
REGARDING REMOVAL OF TWO PRODUCTS

REF: STATE 284894

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM SRI LANKA MINISTRY  
OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED DECEMBER 1, 1976, REGARDING  
ACCEPTED PETITION SEEKING REMOVAL OF TWO PRODUCTS FROM GSP  
BENEFITS:

2. QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA IN SRI LANKA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE  
PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON 14TH  
DECEMBER , REGARDING AN ACCEPTED PETITION SEEKING THE REMOVAL  
OF A NUMBER OF PRODUCTS FROM THE UNITED STATES GENERALIZED  
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) AND ALSO THE ADDITION OF A  
NUMBER OF PRODUCTS TO THE G.S.P.

3. WHILE THE MINISTRY WELCOMES ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF THE U.S. SCHEME OF  
PREFERENCES BY THE ADDITION OF ITEMS, IT IS HOWEVER  
VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSAL TO MODIFY THE  
U.S. SCHEME BY THE REMOVAL OF ANY ITEMS WHICH ARE ALREADY  
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INCLUDED IN THE U.S. OFFER, WHICH HAS ONLY BEEN RECENTLY

IMPLEMENTED. TWO ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO SRI LANKA WHICH ARE PROPOSED TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE U.S. OFFER ARE BICYCLE AND TRICYCLE HORNS (TSUS 657.20) AND FURNITURE (TSUS 727.30) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN AT THE PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF THESE ITEMS AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THESE VIEWS ON REMOVAL OF THESE TWO ITEMS FROM THE U.S. GENERALISED SYSTEM ARE CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE, ROOM 789, 1800 G. STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 13, 1976.

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